

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application.

Claims 1, 5-7 and 10-30 are pending in the application. The allowance of claims 11-14 is noted with appreciation. Upon entry of this amendment independent claims 1, 7 and 15 are amended to reflect the Examiner's comments set forth in the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary and, as such, no new issues are raised.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested because it raises no new issues and places the application in condition for allowance.

Rejections Based On KNAPP et al.

Claims 1, 5-7, 10 and 20-27 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over KNAPP et al. (U.S. Patent 6,235,471) in view of WILKSWO et al. (U.S. Patent 7,534,601).

Claims 15-19 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over KNAPP et al. in view of WILKSWO et al., and further in view of SUNDBERG et al. (U.S. Patent 6,086,825).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Distinctions of the present invention over the applied art have been made of record in the application which, for brevity are not repeated here.

In the Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary appended to the Office Action the Examiner proposed to allow the application by setting forth that the non-normal and nonparallel language are not in alternative form. The Examiner's comments have been considered and independent claims 1, 7 and 15 have been amended to reflect the Examiner's position.

These rejections are believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 2, 2005 and for making an initialed PTO-1449 Form of record in the application.

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

The rejections are believed to have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot, and no issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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